

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	2 and 3
Meeting Date	April 14, 2008
Prepared By	Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk Daryl Braithwaite, Public Works Director
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Second Reading Ordinances Authorizing the Installation of Speed Humps on the 7600 Block of Hammond Avenue and the 1100 Block of Merwood Drive
Background	<p>7600 Block of Hammond Avenue</p> <p>On June 25, 2007, residents of the 7600 block of Hammond Avenue submitted a petition requesting installation of a speed hump on their block. The petition was certified by the City Clerk as having exceeded the minimum number of signatures required. Eight of the 11 homes along the 7600 block of Hammond Avenue have signed the petition.</p> <p>1100 Merwood Drive</p> <p>On October 17, 2007, residents of Merwood Drive submitted a petition requesting the installation of speed humps on Merwood Drive. The petition was certified by the City Clerk as having exceeded the minimum number of signatures required. Fifteen of the 19 residences along Merwood Drive signed the petition indicating their support.</p> <p>The applicants have suggested that two speed humps be installed on Merwood Drive between Wildwood Drive and Glenside Drive. (See attached map.)</p> <p>The request for the installation of two speed humps on Merwood Drive deviates from the guidelines in Title 13 of the City Code regarding placement and location of speed humps. Section 13.04.020 states that speed humps are to be “spaced approximately every 300 to 500 feet along a public highway.... Except under special circumstances, as determined by the Director of Public Works, no speed hump shall be placed within 200 feet of a stop sign.”</p> <p>General Information</p> <p>The petitions were addressed by the New Hampshire Gardens Citizens Association when it met on October 28, 2007. In his letter of November 3, Christopher J. Victoria, President of the Association, indicated that no objections were made during the meeting to either petition.</p> <p>On March 10, the City Council held public hearings on the requests. No opposition was expressed to the installation of speed humps on the two blocks.</p> <p>First reading of the ordinances was held on March 24.</p>
Policy	Administrative Regulation 96-1 Traffic Calming Devices - Petition Process and

	<p>Installation: “Residents of one or more blocks of a street can submit a petition to the City Manager indicating that the residents of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the households want one or more traffic calming devices to be installed on that street.”</p> <p>Guidelines for Evaluating the Public Hearing. The following criteria are intended to guide the Council in determining whether a request for a traffic control device installation is reasonable and justified. These should not be considered exclusive criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The street has not been identified and is not used by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department as a primary fire and rescue route into a neighborhood. ii. The impact of traffic control devices on adjacent neighborhoods be assessed. iii. The petitioners have made efforts to provide broad notification to potentially affected residents.
Fiscal Impact	The cost per standard speed hump is \$800.
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Speed Humps on the 7600 Block of Hammond Avenue • Second Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Speed Hump(s) on the 1100 Block of Merwood Drive
Recommendation	Consider and adopt second reading ordinances authorizing the installation of speed humps.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by: Councilmember Clay

First Reading: March 24, 2008

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE 2008-12

**AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION
OF SPEED HUMP(S) ON THE 7600 BLOCK OF HAMMOND AVENUE**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Takoma Park Code, Section 13.28.010, the Director of Public Works is authorized to place, erect, and maintain upon the public highways of the City such traffic calming devices as the Council may direct at locations designated by the Council or as determined by the City Manager or his or her designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, that one or more speed humps shall be installed on the 7600 block of Hammond Avenue. The exact number, location, and type of the speed humps on the 7600 block of Merwood Avenue shall be determined by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2008 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Introduced by: Councilmember Clay

First Reading: March 24, 2008

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE 2008-13

AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION

OF SPEED HUMP(S) ON THE 1100 BLOCK OF MERWOOD AVENUE

WHEREAS, in accordance with Takoma Park Code, Section 13.28.010, the Director of Public Works is authorized to place, erect, and maintain upon the public highways of the City such traffic calming devices as the Council may direct at locations designated by the Council or as determined by the City Manager or his or her designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, that one or more speed humps shall be installed on the 1100 block of Merwood Avenue. The exact number, location, and type of the speed humps on the 1100 block of Merwood Avenue shall be determined by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2008 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: